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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 11, 2009**. Several days of rainfall have many producers concerned about the yield and quality of crops, and reports of damage are scattered. Clear, dry weather is needed before significant progress can be made in the fields. Soil moisture was rated 24 percent adequate and 76 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/11/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	86	82	98	99
Cotton, open bolls	91	85	95	98
Cotton, harvested	2	1	32	61
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	97	96	99	99
Peanuts, harvested	2	2	47	--
Rice, mature	100	99	99	100
Rice, harvested	49	42	84	94
Sorghum, harvested	60	58	84	97
Soybeans, turning color	97	91	99	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	81	74	91	98
Soybeans, harvested	43	40	75	88
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	26	26	62	69
Winter Wheat, planted	1	0	3	9
Winter Wheat, emerged	0	0	1	2

Crop condition for week ending 10/11/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	8	21	37	32	2
Cotton	13	23	40	24	0
Pasture	1	11	36	45	7
Peanuts	0	30	44	26	0
Rice	5	10	46	39	0
Sorghum	5	22	54	19	0
Soybeans	10	27	31	29	3
Sweet Potatoes	0	40	45	15	0

Comments

“Rain is turning what was a great crop into a very bad one.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“It's been too wet to harvest crops. Yields and quality of cotton, soybeans and corn are being affected.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“As I write this we have received over 1.5 inches of rain since midnight. A high wind Friday downed some of the corn which was the only crop we had left with only moderate damage. When it rains it pours!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Wet field conditions persist in the area.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Another week of rainy weather has past with more rain is in the forecast. The condition of the soil and crops continue to deteriorate.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Rain shut down everything again on Friday morning. Crops are ruining in the field. Damage has been reported from soybean producers with some loads being turned down due to high percentage damage.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Saturated soil conditions have all farming activities at a standstill with no relief in sight.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“The only thing going on is that the crops continue to deteriorate as almost daily rains and overcast conditions persist. Cooler temperatures may slow the process, but we need clear weather for at least a week before significant progress can resume.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Weather conditions have limited fieldwork for the past week. Early ryegrass is looking good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Ryegrass continues to be planted between rains. Beef producers are waiting on a few days of dry weather to harvest the remainder of summer hay. Blueberry growers are completing late summer and fall blueberry management practices. Cattle are going into the fall in excellent condition. Corn harvest is 50% complete.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/11/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	87	52	63	67	-4	2.16	1.57	3	7.64				
Cleveland	85	52	63	67	-4	2.68	2.24	3	9.69				
Lambert 1W	88	52	64			2.14	1.51	2	9.32				
Tunica 2N	87	54	64	66	-2	1.94	1.29	3	6.78				
Extreme/Average	88	52	64	66	-2	2.23	1.60	3	9.32				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	86	52	63	65	-2	0.55	-0.15	3	7.14				
Calhoun City	87	54	65	65		3.31	2.68	4	10.82				
Hickory Flat	85	51	62	64	-2	1.86	1.16	6	14.25				
Holly Springs 4N	85	50	62	63	-1	2.42	1.65	4	10.33				
Independence	84	50	62	64	-2	2.34	1.71	4	7.12				
Oxford	87	52	63	64	-1	2.10	1.33	5	11.86				
Water Valley	86	53	64	65	-1	2.63	1.93	5	9.33				
Extreme/Average	87	50	63	65	-2	2.17	1.47	4	10.25				
Northeast													
Booneville	82	51	62	64	-2	2.14	1.44	5	13.52				
Corinth 7SW	86	51	62	66	-4	2.48	1.78	4	13.15				
Tupelo 2	87	53	66			3.01	0.00	6	12.15				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	87	52	63	66	-3	3.18	2.42	4	11.23				
Verona	87	53	65	65		3.65	2.97	3	11.60				
Extreme/Average	87	51	64	64		2.89	2.16	4	12.33				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	89	56	67	68	-1	5.96	5.19	3	13.48				
Moorhead	88	54	65	68	-3	3.18	2.48	5	12.61				
Rolling Fork	91	55	67	68	-1	3.33	2.49	5	10.04				
Yazoo City 5NNE	92	59	71	68	3	2.91	2.06	3	9.06				
Extreme/Average	92	54	68	68		3.85	3.08	4	12.04				
Central													
Canton 4N	90	56	68	67	1	3.01	2.31	4	9.15				
Eupora 2E	86	54	64	65	-1	3.23	2.46	3	11.56				
Forest 3S	89	57	70	67	3	1.87	1.10	5	5.57				
Kosciusko	86	55	66	66		3.79	3.02	6	13.05				
Lexington 2NNW	89	56	67	66	1	2.39	1.69	3	10.71				
Winona 5E	87	54	63	63		3.70	3.00	6	9.85				
Extreme/Average	90	54	66	66		3.00	2.29	5	10.01				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	85	53	63	65	-2	2.57	1.74	4	11.69				
Columbus	86	56	67	67		0.58	-0.07	4	8.76				
Macon	89	56	66	66	0	2.81	2.18	5	10.81				
State University	89	53	66	66		2.74	2.04	3	13.94				
Extreme/Average	89	53	65	66	-1	2.18	1.48	4	12.15				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	89	60	72	68	4	0.91	0.21	3	4.69				
Crystal SPRG Exp	91	57	71	69	2	1.51	0.76	3	8.24				
Natchez	90	57	73	69	4	2.30	1.46	4	5.13				
Oakley Exp Stn	91	44	71	67	4	2.71	2.01	3	8.11				
Port Gibson 1NE	91	57	73	66	7	1.32	0.55	5	5.99				
Vicksburg	89	56	71			4.09	0.00	5	9.38				
Extreme/Average	91	44	72	68	4	2.14	1.37	4	7.58				
South-Central													
Collins	89	56	74	67	7	1.35	0.58	3	6.55				
Columbia	92	63	78	69	9	0.84	0.08	3	6.74				
Monticello	95	62	76	67	9	0.92	0.15	3	8.11				
Raleigh 6n	90	58	73			1.64	0.00	4	8.25				
Tylertown 5ESE	89	69	78	70	8	0.60	-0.24	4	7.87				
Extreme/Average	95	56	76	68	8	1.07	0.30	3	7.41				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	90	62	76	69	7	0.98	0.23	4	5.93				
Laurel	91	61	74	67	7	0.25	-0.46	5	8.28				
Newton Exp	90	58	71	66	5	1.57	0.87	4	9.51				
Waynesboro 2W	93	65	77	67	10	0.72	0.07	5	8.38				
Extreme/Average	93	58	75	67	8	0.88	0.18	5	8.03				
Coastal													
Biloxi	88	66	78	71	7	1.94	1.17	3	5.12				
Wiggins	90	65	77	70	7	0.76	0.11	3	3.34				
Extreme/Average	90	65	78	70	8	1.35	0.63	3	5.12				
State	95	44	69	67	2	2.15	1.43	4	9.40				

DFN = Departure from Normal.